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Marking in Civil Service Exam
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Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the subject-wise highest marks obtained by candidates in all optional subjects in Civil Services (Mains) Examination, 2016;
(b) whether the Government is aware that the candidates opting for "Law" as optional subject have been awarded less marks as compared to candidates who opted for other optional subjects;
(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
(d) whether the Government has proposed for moderation or scaling the marks in all subjects so that parity is maintained in science and non-science subjects; and
(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions and Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office. (DR. JITENDRA SINGH)

(a): The highest marks obtained by a candidate in any particular optional subject in the Civil Services (Main) Examination depends on the performance of the candidates who have appeared in the particular subject. Further, a candidate who has not qualified in the Civil Services (Main) Examination might have obtained the highest mark in the optional subject chosen by him. The marks of the candidates who have not qualified in the Civil Services (Main) Examination are disclosed only to the individual candidates.
(b)&(c): No such conclusion/trend is established.

(d)&(e): The UPSC has informed that inter subject moderation is done in Civil Services (Main) Examination in order to bring parity between candidates opting for different subjects. This is done on a holistic perspective based on statistics of marks secured by candidates in different papers to ensure level playing field on account of difference in scope and coverage of syllabi, difficulty level of question papers and standards of evaluation, which can vary from year to year across subjects/papers.

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